

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the final Office Action mailed June 9, 2009. Claims 43 and 45-78 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections under Double Patenting

In the Office Action mailed June 9, 2009, Claims 43 and 45-78 were provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-30 of copending Application No. 11/686,257.

Accordingly, filed together with this Reply is an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321. Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer renders moot the rejection of the claims under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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